

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 86 percent of the households in Colorado took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Colorado households travel more than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Colorado took 17 million person-trips, an average of 4.2 trips and 4,815 miles per traveler. Visitors to Colorado took 18 million person-trips, an average of 5.0 trips and 6,148 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Colorado has increased 39 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has increased 67 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in Colorado take 3.6 car trips per traveler compared with 2.4 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (5,186 miles) than by car (2,834 miles).
- Travelers from Colorado who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 3.3 trips per traveler compared with 4.9 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Colorado are California, New Mexico, Wyoming. California, Texas and Kansas are the most popular origin states for travelers to Colorado..

Table 1. Travel Characteristics for Colorado and the United States: 1977 and 1995

	Colorado			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
People who live in area						
Percent traveling households	76	86	12.6	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	5.2	5.2	0.0	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	6.8	6.1	-10.3	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	2.9	4.4	51.7	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	4.2	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	4,815	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	1,150	NA	709	827	16.6
People who visit area						
Trips per traveler	3.6	5.0	38.9	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	3,678	6,148	67.2	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	1,036	1,225	18.2	709	827	16.6

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



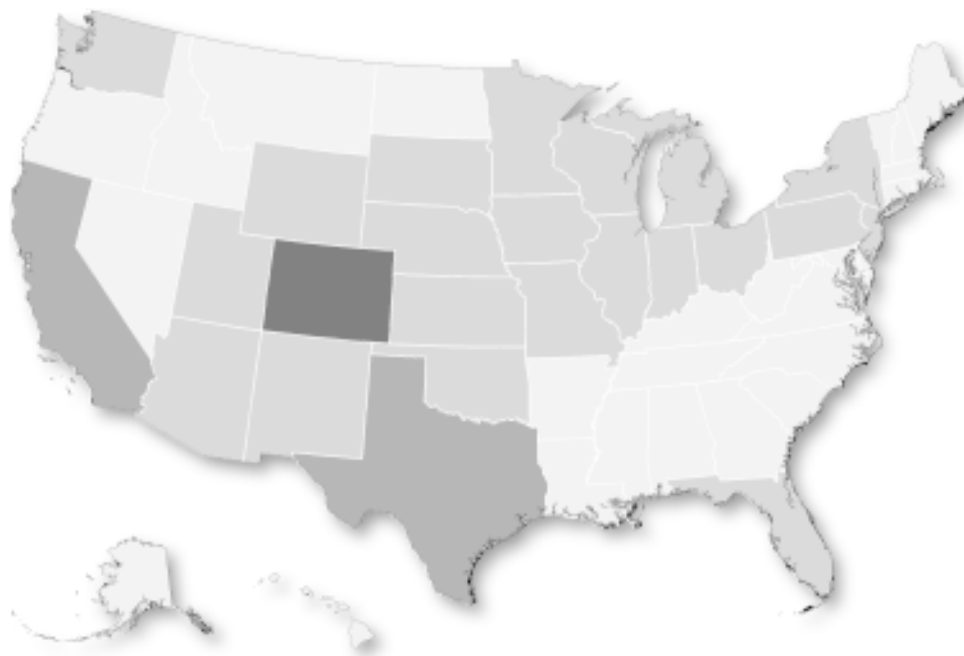
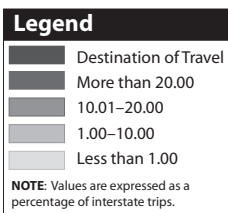
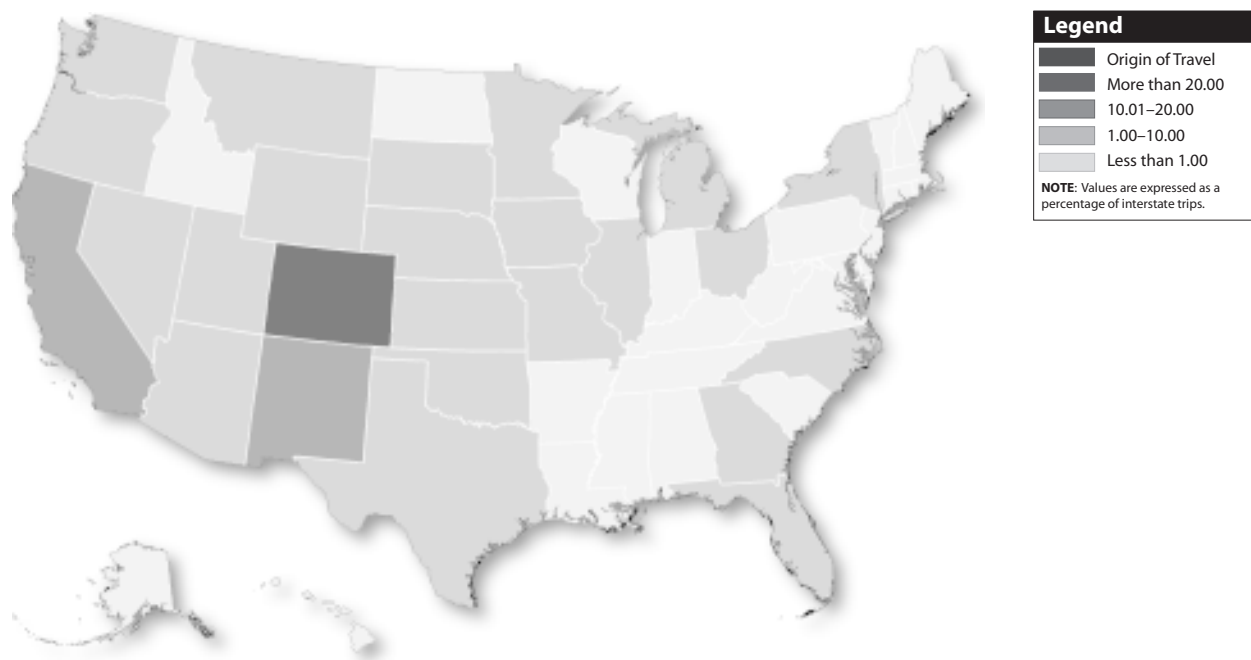


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Colorado (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN COLORADO		6,982		
Alabama	50		Montana	87
Alaska	22		Nebraska	596
Arizona	346		Nevada	105
Arkansas	106		New Hampshire	23
California	1,408		New Jersey	126
Connecticut	66		New Mexico	747
Delaware	10		New York	122
District of Columbia	24		North Carolina	68
Florida	219		North Dakota	48
Georgia	85		Ohio	233
Hawaii	16		Oklahoma	326
Idaho	82		Oregon	109
Illinois	368		Pennsylvania	240
Indiana	151		Rhode Island	12
Iowa	270		South Carolina	39
Kansas	841		South Dakota	115
Kentucky	47		Tennessee	58
Louisiana	95		Texas	1,396
Maine	7		Utah	281
Maryland	58		Vermont	13
Massachusetts	67		Virginia	100
Michigan	117		Washington	164
Minnesota	217		West Virginia	10
Mississippi	31		Wisconsin	149
Missouri	476		Wyoming	692

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error. Symbol — represents zero or rounds to zero.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables.

**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Colorado (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN COLORADO		6,982		
Alabama	43		Montana	105
Alaska	43		Nebraska	439
Arizona	532		Nevada	463
Arkansas	21		New Hampshire	5
California	1,048		New Jersey	78
Connecticut	13		New Mexico	969
Delaware	1		New York	216
District Columbia	109		North Carolina	114
Florida	315		North Dakota	55
Georgia	141		Ohio	119
Hawaii	38		Oklahoma	168
Idaho	79		Oregon	103
Illinois	215		Pennsylvania	66
Indiana	40		Rhode Island	25
Iowa	107		South Carolina	20
Kansas	333		South Dakota	135
Kentucky	7		Tennessee	72
Louisiana	33		Texas	504
Maine	12		Utah	655
Maryland	43		Vermont	2
Massachusetts	77		Virginia	36
Michigan	106		Washington	129
Minnesota	226		West Virginia	10
Mississippi	14		Wisconsin	56
Missouri	205		Wyoming	703

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for Colorado: 1995

	Person trips [†]	Number of travelers	Trips per traveler	Miles [*]	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA	16,635	3,961	4.2	19,570	4,815	1,150
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	11,852	3,286	3.6	9,313	2,834	786
Commercial air	4,461	1,886	2.4	9,781	5,186	2,193
Intercity bus	38	29	1.3	64	2,173	1,662
Train	48	45	1.1	78	1,733	1,637
Other	236	144	1.6	334	2,327	1,415
Main purpose						
Business	3,980	1,105	3.6	5,453	4,933	1,370
Visit friends or relatives	4,458	2,327	1.9	5,849	2,513	1,312
Leisure	5,916	2,306	2.6	5,783	2,507	978
Other	2,282	1,210	1.9	2,485	2,054	1,089
Income						
Less than \$25,000	2,345	715	3.3	2,298	3,215	980
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5,616	1,504	3.7	5,928	3,941	1,056
\$50,000 or greater	8,674	1,787	4.9	11,343	6,349	1,308
Age						
Less than 24	4,067	1,327	3.1	4,376	3,298	1,076
25 to 64	11,547	2,410	4.8	13,931	5,779	1,206
65 and over	1,020	282	3.6	1,264	4,475	1,238
Gender						
Male	9,743	2,045	4.8	11,253	5,502	1,155
Female	6,892	1,895	3.6	8,317	4,388	1,207
PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA	18,022	3,604	5.0	22,074	6,148	1,225
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	12,760	2,084	6.1	11,020	5,286	864
Commercial air	4,822	1,390	3.5	10,424	7,498	2,162
Intercity bus	33	10	3.4	27	2,879	841
Train	87	32	2.7	165	5,212	1,902
Other	321	89	3.6	398	4,485	1,240
Main purpose						
Business	3,979	714	5.6	4,934	6,909	1,240
Visit friends or relatives	4,753	1,078	4.4	6,167	5,722	1,297
Leisure	6,710	1,573	4.3	8,482	5,391	1,264
Other	2,580	524	4.9	2,451	4,678	950
Income						
Less than \$25,000	2,657	417	6.4	2,299	5,507	865
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6,306	1,104	5.7	6,552	5,935	1,039
\$50,000 or greater	9,059	1,742	5.2	13,183	7,567	1,455
Age						
Less than 24	4,312	880	4.9	4,845	5,504	1,124
25 to 64	12,300	2,093	5.9	15,323	7,320	1,246
65 and over	1,410	256	5.5	1,866	7,278	1,323
Gender						
Male	10,318	1,776	5.8	12,568	7,077	1,218
Female	7,704	1,437	5.4	9,465	6,587	1,229

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